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Buyer withdraws from Wilcox Mill art center project

Plans for a community art center at the historic Wilcox Mill in Plymouth have been withdrawn.

Plans for the art center, submitted by the Art Foundation established by renowned local artist Tony Roko, had included establishment of an art studio, a sculpture garden and an art center. Roko planned to purchase the mill property from Wayne County and county commissioners had approved his plan and the sale of the historic mill in 2019, despite public protests.

Plans to remodel the abandoned Wilcox Mill into a community art center have been withdrawn.

"For the business model that we proposed, the project combined with the economic impact of the pandemic, just became unfeasible," Greg Hoffman, executive director of the Art Foundation, said. He added that he and Roko did not want to alter the plans already approved by the county for the site and made the decision to return the property to county ownership.

"Looking at the model we had of making it a community gathering space around the idea of art, it was not financially viable," Hoffman said. "Tony and I really had to make the decision to say we are not going to bait-and-switch the community."

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Friendly rivalry

Kiwanis, Rotary clubs compete for Salvation Army contributions

Julie Brown
Special Writer

On Monday, Dec. 21, staff and volunteers of the Wayne-Westland Salvation Army had their fingers crossed - and prayers in abundance too.

The corps, serving the cities of Wayne, Westland, Inkster, Romulus and New Boston, set a $130,000 fundraising goal this Christmas season. Envoy Andrew Barylski noted this year fundraising is down.

"People are not as willing to get out and bell ring" as in the past, Barylski said. Donations by check, cash or money order payable to The Salvation Army remain more than welcome, taken to or sent to: 2300 S. Venoy Road, Westland, MI 48186. The corps is south of Palmer Road on the west side of Venoy.

"People have been generous. We're going to make every effort to raise the dollars," he said. The in-person Red Kettle portion of bell ringing always wraps up Dec. 24.

Donations are also still being taken at the Plymouth corps of The Salvation Army, which serves Plymouth, Canton, Northville and Belleville.

The Rotary Club of Plymouth Noon and Plymouth Kiwanis Club have for years volunteered as bell ringers for the Plymouth corps. Each service club took a Friday-Saturday December weekend, vying to see if Rotary or Kiwanis could raise more money.

Plymouth Township Trustee John Stewart, left, and Supervisor Kurt Heise ring bells for the Salvation Army Red Kettle campaign Dec. 11 at the Plymouth Kroger store. No totals as to the winner of the decade-long rivalry between the Rotary and Kiwanis clubs as to which collected more during the holiday effort.

"I always do it every year. A little camaraderie. We see a lot of nice people. It's a fun time," said Tony Bruscato, who directs the Plymouth Downtown Development Authority.

Maj. Keith Bailey of the Plymouth Salvation Army said the corps kettle goal is $185,000 this year, with donations via check encouraged at the 9451 S. Main St., Plymouth, MI 48170 office. Checks there should be made out to: Plymouth Salvation Army.

Of the Kiwanis-Rotary "rivalry," Bailey notes: "It has been great for the corps. I am amazed at the amount of money both clubs raise for the Plymouth corps. Sometimes it can be a huge percentage of the total goal. This year especially, with 25 percent or a little better of the total of $185,000. You can see how important this friendly competition is," Bailey added.

John Buzuvis, community development director for the city of Plymouth, is Rotary Club of Plymouth Noon president. He said, "It adds up to a fun kind of cordial competition. It's been a friendly competition for a great cause for lots of years."

The Kiwanis-Rotary tradition is likely some 20 years old, and Buzuvis noted among Plymouth City Hall department heads there are both Kiwanians and Rotarians. Some even like to razz each other about the rivalry.

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Love-less

2 large retailers announce closings of Canton Township locations

Two major retailers have announced plans to close locations along Ford Road in Canton Township.

Loves Furniture, which replaced Art Van Furniture only four months ago, and JCPenney officials have announced that both respective stores will close as part of operating reductions. In an official statement, JCPenney management said the closure of 15 stores is part of a "store optimization strategy that began in June with our financial restructuring." The retailer plans to close about 200 stores nationwide through next year, according to a spokesperson as part of the Chapter 11 bankruptcy filings which took place earlier this year..

Photo by Sean Rhaesa

The Canton Township store is expected to begin liquidation sales in January and will close to the public in mid-to-late March, corporate managers said. The Canton location built in 2007 is currently leased by JCPenney and is the only metro Detroit location being closed. It is one of the few stand-alone stores operated by the retailer.

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Loves Furniture and Mattresses re-opened the former Ford Road Art Van Furniture store in September. That new building first opened in 2018 and was subsequently closed by Art Van which shuttered all stores and liquidated company assets.

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State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) partnered with local leaders to provide winter coats for children and seniors in need last week.
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THE WESTLAND EAGLE
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The City of Westland Finance Department has reopened to the public for tax and water bill payment services. Staff members will be available during normal hours of operation to process in-person payments.
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Canton

Lobbyist reports state actions to board of trustees

Julie Brown
Special Writer

In a year-end wrap-up to members of the Canton Township Board of Trustees, Stephanie Johnson of lobbying firm Khoury Johnson Leavitt, noted, "It was quite an eventful lame duck" session in Lansing and in Washington, D.C.

Speaking Dec. 22 to officials, Johnson noted some $900 billion was OK'd in federal aid, which will help the unemployed. She said Michigan legislators OK'd some $465 million in relief related to COVID-19, including extending unemployment benefits from 20 weeks to 26 weeks.

Michigan also has a hazard pay provision for first responders, as well as some school aid, she said.

Canton Director of Police Services Chad Baugh asked about racketeering, noting issues with internal theft at businesses. "That helps shift the burden of investigating these cases," he said upon learning the state has additional personnel for that purpose.

Johnson noted there has been no supplemental revenue to local governments for COVID-19, and that a mid-January meeting will determine much on state-shared revenue.

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"Our caseloads have been coming down every day," she added of numbers of ill people.

Canton Trustee Sommer Foster asked about eviction diversion and use of SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) government food benefits at restaurants. Foster also asked about criminal justice reforms from Lansing.

Trustee Kate Borninski asked if Epenephrin can now be administered by first responders, including firefighters.

Johnson asked if her presentations to the board could become more frequent as she'd had a few "curveball" questions directed at her on Dec. 22. She outlined briefly a poverty prevention bill signed into law in late December by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

She said criminal justice measures in Lansing increased.

"That's the one thing they did the most of. It really was remarkable. It got the support it needed and it moved," Johnson said.

In other business, trustees approved 7-0 a contract with the Khoury Johnson Leavitt, LLC firm for lobbying for the next two years at $36,000 a year.

Greg Hohenberger, township director of the Leisure Services department, noted it will probably be March when a decision will be made on having the traditional Liberty Fest in June.

"We'll be looking at where we are on the vaccine," he said.

Liberty Fest was cancelled in 2020 due to health restrictions.

Happy holiday
Maraschinos donates scooters to Canton BLOCK youth members

Participants of The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center Canton Youth Connection (CYC) program each received a very special holiday gift this year donated by Maraschinos Pub.

In the spirit of the season, Maraschinos Pub donated 26 electric scooters so that every Canton Youth Connection participant was able to take home this popular holiday gift. After holding a dine and donation drive, where 50 percent of all their sales from Saturday, Dec. 12 were put toward the gifts, Maraschinos Pub was able to provide holiday cheer to all of these participants.

"Thanks to the generosity of Maraschinos Pub in Canton, every student in the Canton Youth Connection program received this special present as a way to both celebrate and brighten the holiday season," stated Laura Mortier, The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center supervisor. "This year has been challenging to all of us as COVID continues to dominate our lives, but Maraschinos Pub was able to put smiles on all of the children's faces by spreading Christmas cheer."

Maraschinos Pub, located at 50296 Cherry Hill Road in Canton, supports numerous Canton Leisure Services programs throughout the year in addition to the Canton Youth Connection, including Hot Meal Mondays, The B.L.O.C.K. Afterschool program, and others.

The Canton Youth Connection is a free afterschool program for qualifying children ages 5-10 within the Canton community. Throughout the year, CYC participants meet weekly at Miller Elementary School to address themes and goals through activities including crafts; guest speakers from the Canton community: the value of achievement; showcasing neighborhood resources; the importance of lifelong fitness; increase knowledge of nutrition and healthy lifestyles; creating positive attitudes about the future; learning how to work with others and the ability to work out conflicts; and more.

Maraschinos Pub staff distributed electric scooters to Canton Youth Connection members resulting in plenty of smiles.

The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, located on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road in Canton, provides a fun, teen-friendly environment where students from ages 11-17 can participant in supervised afterschool programs, social events, and activities. For more information about Canton Youth Connection and The B.L.O.C.K. Youth and Teen Center, visit www.cantonfun.org/146 or call (734) 398-5570.

Records department hours change

Hours at the Canton Public Safety Department Records Bureau will change effective Monday, Jan. 4.

New hours at the records bureau will be 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Mondays: 10 a.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesdays: 8 a.m. until 6 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays. The bureau will be closed on Fridays.

The new schedule will allow extended day access for the public, officials said. The records bureau is available for processing requests of police reports, Freedom of Information Act requests, applicant fingerprinting, and handgun purchase permits. Fingerprinting and purchase permit applicants must arrive 30 minutes prior to closing time.

Individuals claiming property will need to schedule an appointment with the property clerk directly at (734) 394-5432, from 8:30 until 4:30 Monday through Friday. For additional information, contact the records bureau at (734) 394-5410.

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF NORTHVILLE
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS - PUBLIC HEARING
January 20, 2021 - 7:00 PM

The Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) has scheduled a public hearing for January 20, 2021 at 7:00 PM by electronic remote access via Zoom. For information on how to view and participate in the meeting, please visit the Township's website at https://twp.northville.mi.us. The ZBA will consider a variance request to Chapter 170, Article 31.5, Section B, (1), (a, b, e) Fences; to allow a 6' tall solid fence along the front property line for property located at 49875 Eight Mile Road.

Written comments regarding these requests will be received by the ZBA at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168. The meeting will begin at 7:00 PM.

Paul Slatin, Chair
Zoning Board of Appeals

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December 21, 2020

Sealed Bids for the Water & Sewer Building Improvements will be received by the Charter Township of Northville at the office of the Township Clerk at 44405 Six Mile Road, Northville, MI 48168, until 2:00 pm local time on January 26, 2021 at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and read.

The project consists of renovation at the existing DPW facility including a building addition onto the existing vehicle storage building, site improvements and associated utility work to support building addition, and relocation of above-ground fuel storage tank.

The Issuing Office for the Bidding Documents is the office of the ARCHITECT, Orchard, Hiltz, & McCliment, Inc. (d.b.a. OHM Advisors), 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations beginning on December 23, 2020:

OHM Advisors: Online Plan Room
Dodge Data & Analytics: dodgeproducts.construction.com
CMD Group: cmdgroup.com
Construction Association of Michigan (CAM): cam-online.com

Digital plans may be downloaded from the OHM Plan Room:

By request only, hard copies of Bidding Documents may be obtained after December 23, 2020 at 12:00 pm, local time, by contacting the office of the Architect, OHM Advisors, 34000 Plymouth Road, Livonia, MI 48150. A fee of fifty-five dollars ($55.00) non-refundable deposit will be charged for each set of Bidding Documents. An additional, non-refundable charge of fifteen dollars ($15.00) will be required for mailing Bidding Documents. Neither Owner nor Architect will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders. Bid security in the form of a Bid Bond for a sum no less than 5% of the amount of the Bid will be required with each Bid. Bids shall be enclosed in sealed envelopes plainly marked with the project name and the name of the bidder.
No bid may be withdrawn for a period of ninety (90) calendar days after the scheduled closing time for receipt of the Bids. This time period may be extended by mutual agreement of the Owner and any Bidder or Bidders. The Owner reserves the right to accept any or all Bids and award the contract to other than the lowest bidder, to waive any irregularities or informalities or both; to reject any or all Bids; and in general to make the award of the Contract in any manner deemed by the Owner, in its sole discretion, to be in the best interest of the Owner.

No Prebid meeting will be held, however if a contractor wishes to visit the site to review existing conditions, Wednesday January 6, 2021 will be made available; contractors wishing to visit the site to contact Bob Belair at bbelair@twp.northville.mi.us or 248.662.0498 to schedule an appointment time.

Firms may submit questions in writing regarding the requirements identified in this solicitation. Bid questions may be submitted in writing to the attention of Alex Bade at Alex.Bade@ohm-advisors.com until 4:00 p.m. on January 15, 2021.

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Charter Township of Northville

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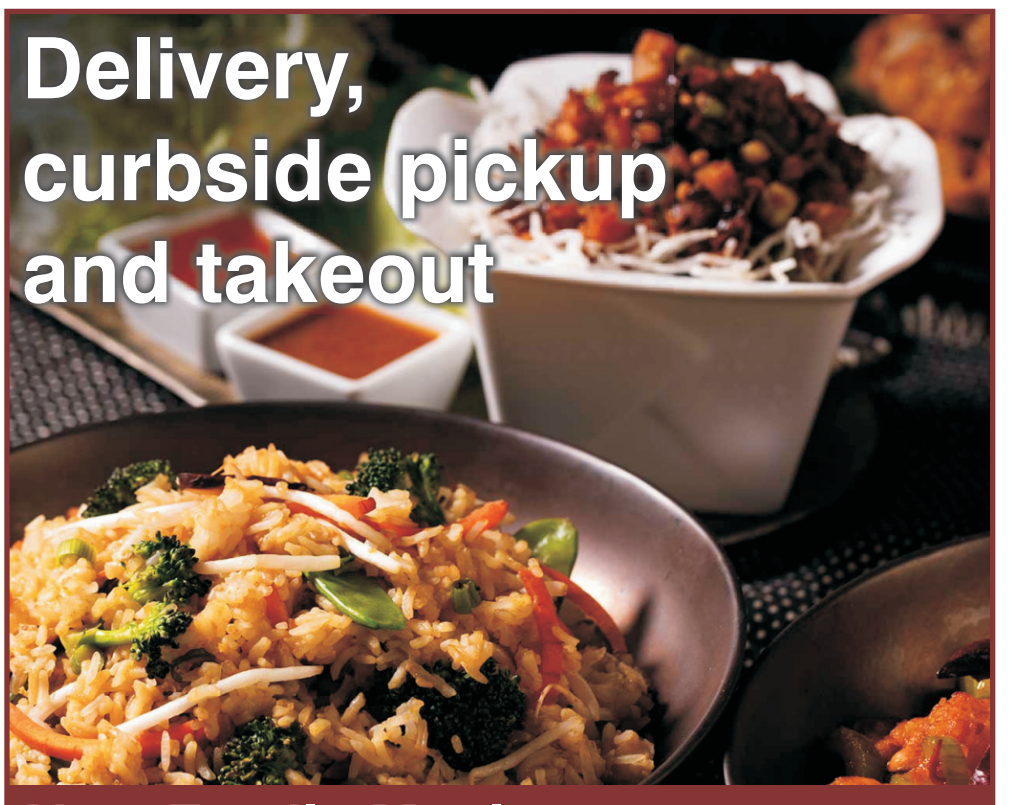
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BELLEVILLE - ROMULUS - SUMPTER

Sumpter supervisor thanks donors for participation

Sumpter Township Supervisor Timothy P. Bowman recently expressed his appreciation to those who donated this year enabling the township to help make the holidays a little brighter for children the community.

"I would like to take this opportunity to extend my deepest thanks to our sponsors that donated this year to enable the township to obtain gift cards for the children in our community in lieu of our annual children's Christmas party," Bowman said in a prepared statement.

"During these challenging times, it is especially humbling that we received the support that we did. Among the benefactors we wish to acknowledge are: Benito's Five Star Pizza; Carlisle Wortman Associates; CRG Electric; Davenport Brothers Construction; Fox Auto Parts, Inc. Higgerson & Neal Funeral Home; Jack Schmitz; J & T. Towing, Inc.; Martin & Son; Post, Smythe, Lutz & Ziel of Wayne; Red Rooster Lounge & Pizzeria; Three Farmers Meat LLC; Utilities Management Service and Wolverine Power Corp.

"A special thanks to Sumpter Township Fire Department, Chief Januszyk, Platoon Chief Armstrong and Firefighter Colleen Armatis," he concluded.

New recruit?

Police Facebook page offers a little holiday humor

The Romulus Police Department introduced a new recruit last week to help brighten up the holidays in the community with a little tongue-in-cheek humor.

On the police Facebook page, new officer R. PeeDee, offered a holiday "hymn" to bring a few smiles to area residents while sending good wishes. The puppet, proudly sporting his well-tailored police uniform, is strongly reminiscent of one of the Muppet characters. During a short Facebook video, he offers his own version of Christmas carol favorite The Twelve Days of Christmas in a deep baritone.

He sings: "On the 12th day of training, Romulus gave to me, 12 new policies; 11 notebook pads; 10 ticket books; nine new passwords; eight flashlight batteries; seven face masks; six new pairs of pants; five new ink pens; four sets of shirts; three FT0s; two pairs of handcuffs and a bright shiny new badge."

The police department Facebook page attracts a large number of followers and offers safety tips and advice for residents all year, each infused with a gentle sense of humor.

Last month, however, when the post included a photo of a large German shepherd in a gift box as a warning to porch pirates about stealing packages from doorways in the city, some residents were worried that the officers had actually put a dog into a box to dupe potential thieves. Not to worry, it was a stock photo, used simply to illustrate the seriousness of the crime and to warn both residents about the possibility of the crimes and criminals of the serious consequences of their actions.

The post from new Ofc. Pee Dee drew several comments including one from Mayor LeRoy Burcroff who wished everyone a Merry Christmas and told the officers, "You are the best." Other residents all sent holiday wishes to the department along with thanks for the dedicated service the police officers provide in the community.

There were also requests to have Ofc. Pee Dee transferred to afternoons.

Officer R. PeeDee

Award winner

The Michigan Downtown Association recently recognized Harris Park in Van Buren Township as the 2020 Best Placemaking Project in the state. The urban park features free Wi-Fi, a digital message board, walking path, doggie stations, benches, picnic tables, pavilion, pergola, light bollards with charging stations and a large grassy area. Additionally, the property includes the Downtown Development Authority office and a conference room for business workshops and training sessions. Throughout the COVID-19 pandemic, Harris Park has seen consistent daily usage. Van Buren Township residents have gathered at the park for socially distant activities such as business and chamber events, martial arts and dance classes, pop-up car shows, impromptu concerts, a drive-by baby shower, birthday parties and two weddings.

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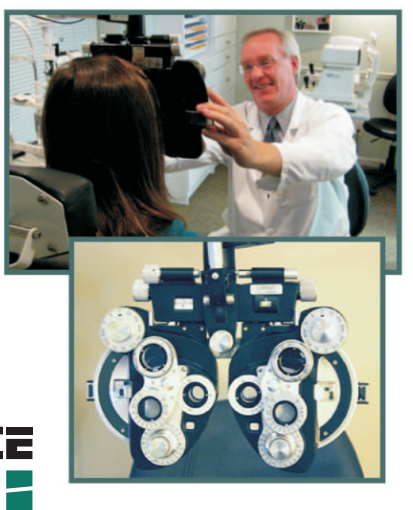

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Plymouth - Wayne

Time travel

Museum 'Christmas with the First Ladies' exhibit continues until Jan. 10

Julie Brown
Special Writer

Christmas with the First Ladies at The White House is a popular exhibit now on display at the Plymouth Historical Museum, 155 S. Main St. in downtown Plymouth.

The exhibit, which continues until Jan. 10, goes "right back to Martha, the very first," museum Marketing Director Rennae Green said of Martha Custis Washington. "We do go all the way back so it's quite a span."

Some 20 costumed mannequins are featured, with many dresses from the collection of archivist Pam Yockey, also a seamstress. The Hillary Clinton, Michelle Obama and Melania Trump years are covered.

The Plymouth Historical Museum is open to the public from 1-4 p.m. Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday. More information is available at plymouthhistory.org or (734) 455-8940.

Vignettes in the exhibit represent first ladies in The White House through the years. Green noted it's being an election year contributed to the exhibit choice. The museum will close to the public Jan. 10 until Jan. 27 when the next exhibit opens.

That "First Ladies, Fashion Setters" exhibit will be open through June 13. This exhibit will feature the dresses of the first ladies and their impact and influence in fashion.

"Despite all the circumstances going on at the moment it's been pretty good," Green said of attendance. In past years, the exhibit based on Red Ryder BB guns and "A Christmas Story," the related movie, drew crowds.

"People are looking to do something festive," Green said.

The museum gift shop has books on the first ladies as well as ornaments through The White House Historical Association. "They're like felt, nicely done," she said of the ornaments.

Area mourns death of former Northside Hardware owner

Philip Kaplan, the long-time owner of Northside Hardware in Wayne, died Dec. 21.

Mr. Kaplan and his brother, Sidney, acquired Northside Hardware in 1955 and grew the business into one of the most successful independent hardware stores in the country. He continued to work until almost his 90th birthday and developed numerous special friendships that endured over his entire life.

Mr. Kaplan was born July 5, 1925, the fifth and youngest child of Isaac and Fanny Kaplan. On Aug 13, 1943 he and the love of his life, Diane Pritz, went on their first date and an enduring love affair, partnership and friendship resulted in 73 years of marriage. They had three children, Gary, Robert and Janet.

The couple traveled extensively to all of the continents and Mr. Kaplan was always very curious and interested in everyone he knew and met. He was well known for his sense of humor and many would often seek him out for the latest joke.

In addition to his wife, Mr. Kaplan is survived by his son, Gary (Wendy); his daughter, Janet (Howard); two grandchildren, Erin Zeitler (Daniel) and Zachary Kaplan, and two great-grandchildren, Riley and Mason.

He is also survived by several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and -nephews along with many friends especially in Seattle, North Carolina, New York area and the Detroit area.

Philip Kaplan

Contributions in his memory can be made to Detroit Institute of Arts, Birmingham Temple, or Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

Final arrangements were entrusted to The Ira Kaufman Chapel.

Attempted theft of ATM machine is investigated

The investigation into the attempted theft of a Chase Bank ATM machine in Plymouth is under way, according to officials.

Police were dispatched to the Ann Arbor Road location just west of Main Street at about 4 a.m. Dec. 20 in response to a mechanical alarm, according to police reports. Responding officers discovered an ATM machine in the drive-through lane which ad been dislodged from the cement and removed. The machine had been knocked over and had chains attached and may have been dragged.

The machine, however, had apparently not been broken into and the mechanism appeared intact.

Officers observed a suspect running from a vehicle near the Harvey Street entrance to the bank and later discovered that vehicle had been reported stolen.

State opens some venues

The Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) updated its epidemic order recently to allow indoor activities where Michiganders can remain masked, as this has been scientifically shown to slow the virus. This includes in-person learning at high schools and indoor entertainment venues. Casinos, bowling centers and movie theatres will be allowed to reopen with total capacity capped at 100; food and drink concessions closed; and social distancing requirements in place. The new order will last until Friday, Jan. 15.

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1. Obituaries

Humphrey, Nathaniel Edward III

Nathaniel Edward (Nate) Humphrey, III, 50, of Snellville, GA, passed away on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2020.
Mr. Humphrey was a United States Army Veteran and worked for AT&T. He was preceded in death by his father, Nathaniel Edward Humphrey, II.
Among his survivors are his ex-wife and mother of his child, Victoria Whitley of New Windsor, NY; daughter, Jessica Monique Humphrey of Durham, NC; mother, Millicent Humphrey of Romulus; step-mother, Ann Humphrey of Benton Harbor; brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Althea Humphrey of Snellville, GA; step-sisters and their spouses, Anita and Marvin Haywood of Benton Harbor and Alice and Jeff Jones of Lansing; step-brothers, Tyrone Hampton and Steve Hampton, both of Benton Harbor; grandson, Kendle Parks of Durham, NC; niece, Brea Marie Humphrey of Snellville, GA; nephew, Nicholas Benjamin Humphrey of Snellville, GA; cousin, Gregory and Sylvia Hughey, Jr. of Las Vegas, NV; ex-wife, Leigh Truss of Decatur, GA; special friend, Paul Alexander of Dallas, TX; "Nate's Peeps", James Essary, Michael Hurley, Carl Wilkinson, Drew Bretz, Emmett Massie and Charles Bohannon, all of Dallas, TX, and numerous other family members and a host of friends.
Funeral Services took place Dec. 30,at the Snellville Chapel of Tim Stewart Funeral Home with Duane Thomas officiating.
Final arrangements were entrusted to the Tim Stewart Funeral Home, 2246 Wisteria Dr., Snellville, GA 30078. (770) 979-5010. Leave online condolences at www.stewartfh.com <http://www.stewartfh.com />.

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Governor names local attorney to Civil Rights Commission

> *Corriveau was appointed to represent democrats for a term commencing Jan. 1, 2021 and expiring Dec. 31, 2024.*

Richard Corriveau of Northville has been appointed to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission, by Gov. Gretchen Whitmer.

Corriveau is a trial attorney and the president of Richard J. Corriveau Law, P.C.

He is a veteran of the United States military and previously worked as a public school teacher and an adjunct professor. He holds a bachelor of arts degree in English from Michigan State University, a master of arts in education and psychology from the University of Michigan, and a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Detroit Law School.

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He succeeds Jeffrey Sakwa whose term expires December 31, 2020.

Also appointed to the commission was Anupama Kosaraju, of Franklin and Gloria E. Lara, of Grand Rapids.

The Michigan Civil Rights Commission was created by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 to carry out the guarantees against discrimination articulated in Article I, Section 2.

As further stated in Article V, Section 29, the State Constitution directs the Commission to investigate alleged discrimination against any person because of religion, race, color or national origin, and to "secure the equal protection of such civil rights without such discrimination."

Public Acts 453 and 220 of 1976 and subsequent amendments have added sex, age, marital status, height, weight, arrest record, and physical and mental disabilities to the original four protected categories.

The appointments are subject to the advice and consent of the Senate.

Richard Corriveau

Westland Finance Department now open for bill payments

> *Finance staff members will be available during normal hours of operation to process in-person payments.*

The City of Westland Finance Department has reopened to the public for tax and water bill payment services. Finance staff members will be available during normal hours of operation to process in-person payments.

Other city hall business will be permitted by appointment only.

This includes the assessing, building, clerk, housing and Westland CARES and planning offices.

Residents can locate contact information to schedule an appointment with specific departments www.cityofwestland.com.

Essential government services that continue unaffected include public safety, utilities, animal control and sanitation (including trash collection).

The Jefferson Barns Community Vitality Center, the Friendship Senior Center and the Mike Modano Ice Arena remain closed to the public.

The Westland Public Library will remain open with limited capacity and the 18th District Court will remain open. For the most current information and updates on other city closures and postponements, visit www.cityofwestland.com

Residents are encouraged to utilize the city online services at www.cityofwestland.com during this time as well as the drop boxes located in front of city hall to drop off payments and paperwork which will continue to be checked daily.

Public meetings, including meetings of the Westland City Council will be conducted virtually, officials said.

State and local Inkster leaders provide coats for children and seniors

State Rep. Jewell Jones (D-Inkster) partnered with local leaders to provide winter coats for children and seniors in need last week. He was joined by Inkster Mayor Patrick Wimberly, Justice Group CEO Kevin Harrington, and

Adam Davis Jr.

"I commend Brothers Kevin Harrington and Adam Davis, as well as the many sponsors for bringing this to my hometown," said Jones. "It's a beautiful feeling to give back to the community that raised you. But what makes this so sweet is that we've opened up the borders to welcome youth and seniors from any community. This is what it means to give back."

"The COVID-19 pandemic presents unique challenges to all of us and we must make sacrifices and contribute to others whenever we can," said Wimberly. "It warms my heart to sponsor the Inkster Coat Giveaway because I truly believe in the spirit of 'Paying It Forward'. As a leader in the community, I feel an obligation to inspire others especially young people by setting a positive example. It is truly a blessing to reach a point where you can give back and make a difference in other peoples' lives."

"It's just truly a blessing for the community to come together to make sure people can receive the help that they need," said Harrington. "God blessed me with the opportunity to give back to the community after a long journey, which included a wrongful conviction. I want to help give people opportunities that I didn't have, and the feeling of helping someone improve their situation brings a special type of joy."

"I was born and raised in the Inkster area, and after my father was murdered 33 years ago, I was inspired to help children who may be going through unique challenges of their own," said Davis Jr. "My goal is to make a difference in a child's life, and if simply providing them with a coat gives them one less thing that they have to worry about, I'm willing to stand up and do my part for the community."

During this event at the Inkster Recreational Complex, Jones and his partners were able to provide thousands of children and seniors with coats.

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Mills

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The sale of the Wilcox Mill on Wilcox Road and the Newburgh Mill on Hines Drive was not without controversy as an avid group of residents protested the sale of county land to private owners. Commissioners did approve the sale of both sites which were basically abandoned and used for storage. The mills, designed by noted architect Albert Kahn, were built by the Ford Motor Co.

Hoffman said that he and Roko were in talks with county officials about other collaborative efforts to include public art projects in the area. Roko currently has a studio on Penniman Avenue in downtown Plymouth.

Developer Richard Cox purchased the Phoenix Mill on Northville Road in Plymouth Township. Cox is planning to built a banquet center and restaurant at the site. Cox also has a purchase agreement on the Newburgh Mill and is reportedly interested in the Wilcox Mill site now that plans for the art center have been withdrawn.

Khalil Rahal, a Wayne County assistant executive said possible plans for the Wilcox site could include various businesses including a coffee shop, a juice store and a bicycle shop. He stressed that those are all potential plans and are not finalized. He noted that Cox would be an ideal buyer for the mill considering his experience in restoring other historic sites in the community. He noted the work Cox and his company had performed on the Phoenix Mill in Northville and noted that it takes special handling and experience in dealing with historic architecture.

Plans to relocate the Wayne County Sheriff's Office Mounted Unit from stables near the Newburgh Mill have been changed, too. An original plan to move the horses to a site in Westland near county park headquarters at Nankin Mills have been delayed until a new stable can be constructed, according to Rahal. Newburgh Mill will not be closed until a new facility to house the horses is complete, he said. That new area will be in Hines Park, he added.

Rivalry

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"It's kind of a tradition for a lot of folks," said Buzuvis. "There's still people in need and the money stays local. It's important to remember those who might need help with the bare essentials, especially this year. Not only does it help during the holidays, it helps all year."

The COVID-19 pandemic kept some volunteer bell ringers away this year, but other volunteers came to each corps to assist with holiday needs. The Wayne-Westland corps on Venoy Road will open this week 28, and Tuesday and Wednesday too, other than New Year's Day, to take donations and assist residents. To reach the Wayne-Westland corps, call (734) 722-3660 which has 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. business hours with a noon to 1 p.m. lunch closing.

"If it's brought here or sent here it stays locally," Barylski said of monetary

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gifts." He and colleagues have been busy but shared a laugh that Joanna Rose, who with her husband was a past Wayne-Westland Salvation Army officer, now appears in that role on Chicago bus stop posters holding a bell aloft while in uniform.

"That was so cool. I thought that was hilarious," said Barylski, joking of being jealous of her "stardom".

The Plymouth corps can be reached at (734) 453-5464 .

Gift of Life

Local teens support organ transplant efforts

Key2Finesse, a student-led nonprofit organization with members in both Canton and Northville, has generated $75,000 for the Gift of Life Foundation through a year-long partnership.

The Gift of Life Foundation supports the Gift of Life Michigan mission of honoring life through organ and tissue donation. The funds will be used to further promote organ and tissue donation education and awareness and provide financial support for transplant recipients and the social workers at Michigan Transplant Centers.

"We are so grateful for this collaboration," said Susan Rink, chief of philanthropy and foundation programs for Gift of Life. "These funds will further our mission to promote organ and tissue donation education and awareness, while also financially supporting transplant recipients and the social workers at our Michigan Transplant Centers."

Key2Finesse was founded in 2015 by high school students Esha Ghosalkar and Chintan Maheshwari with the goal of creating future leaders. It promotes public speaking and other life skills and puts on several events every year, including confidence building and public speaking workshops and career exploration symposiums. Their largest event, the Speak the Difference fundraiser, comprises a variety of different competitions including essay writing, poetry, art, coding, multimedia, and public speaking.

Through the Speak the Difference fundraiser and other events, Key2Finesse has generated more than $130,000 since 2015 for charitable causes like The Heat and Warmth Fund (THAW), Gleaner's Community Food Bank, Easter Seals, and more. Key2Finesse teams up with a different charitable organization each year and selected the Gift of Life Foundation in 2020.

The Speak the Difference event took place virtually on Dec. 13. With help from sponsors like Ally Financial Services, the NVIDIA Foundation and more, students from Troy, Canton, Northville and Novi raised $75,000 for Gift of Life - a new record for the 5-year-old organization.

"They enjoyed working with Gift of Life Michigan and they learned a lot," said Vidhi Ghosalkar, who brought the Finesse Academy to the U.S. in 2002. "I think they also learned to be more grateful and value life more."

A complete list of winners is available at key2finesse.com.

Dorrie Dils, CEO of Gift of Life Michigan, said she was appreciative of the collaboration.

"We are truly grateful for the opportunity to collaborate with these talented young people," she said. "This has been a wonderful partnership and we appreciate all the hard work that went into this event and for everything they've done for us this year. We were fortunate to have been selected from so many worthy causes."

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